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Applicant: Nicholas R. Benson
Application No.: 10/816,457
Filed: March 31, 2004
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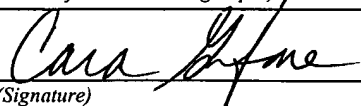
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed November 15, 2004, enclosed are:

1. One (1) copy of the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed November 15, 2004 (3 pages);
2. Transmittal Letter under 37 C.F.R. §1.52(e)(3) including two CD-R compact disks labeled "Copy 1" and "Copy 2" (2 pages + disks);
3. Petition for Three (3) Month Extension of Time (2 pages);
4. Check No. 571284 in the amount of \$460.00; and
5. Return Receipt Postcard.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, December 14, 2004 , in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop MISSING PARTS, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
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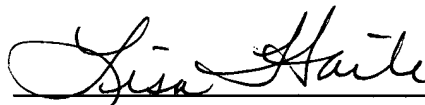
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Applicants claim **SMALL ENTITY** status in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, a verified statement claiming small entity status is not required.

Enclosed is Check No. 571284 in the total amount of \$460.00; which consists of a Three (3) Month extension of time fee (minus a One Month Extension of Time fee previously submitted). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1896. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

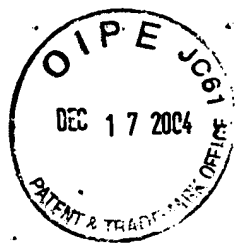
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(e)

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply, submitted herewith, and incorporated by reference in the above-referenced patent application, are two CD-R compact disks labeled "Copy 1" and "Copy 2." As required by 37 CFR § 1.52(e)(3), Applicants herein provide the following information for each disk:

Disk labeled "Copy 1"

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Operating System Compatibility: MS-Windows
Files:
 File Name: DERM1120 TABLES.txt
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 Date Created: 12/08/2004
 File Type: Microsoft Text Document

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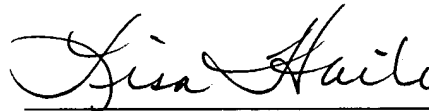
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I hereby state, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(e)(4), that the file entitled "DERM1120 TABLES.txt" on the compact disk labeled "Copy 1" and the compact disk labeled "Copy 2" are identical. In addition, I hereby state that the file "DERM1120 TABLES.txt" is identical to Table VII of the above-referenced patent application.

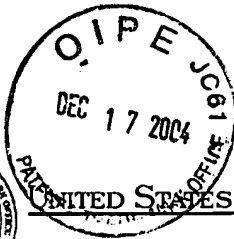
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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 10/12/2004 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 07/14/2004 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application. Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

- The compact disc(s) submitted fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.52(e) in that they contain non-ASCII files. A new duplicate set of compact discs with only ASCII files is required. Any replacement compact disc submitted should be accompanied by a certification as required by 37 CFR 1.52(e) that each disc of a duplicate set is identical to the other disc of the set. If a directory of the disc could be printed, it is attached and non-ASCII files are marked on the directory listing.

Items Required To Avoid Processing Delays:

The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid further processing delays.

- This application is objected to because it contains a data file on compact disc, which is not identified in the paper portion of the specification with a listing of all of the files contained on the disc. When portions of an application are contained on a compact disc, the paper portion of the specification must identify the compact disc(s) and list the files including name, file size, and creation date on each of the compact discs (see 37 CFR 1.52(e)). Applicant(s) are required to amend the specification to identify each disc and the files contained on the disc including the file name, file size, and file creation date.*

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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